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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Final Office Action dated 27 October 2005. Responsive to the rejections made in the Official Action, Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly clarify the inventive concept of the Applicant.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-2, 6-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sugita (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0184521). The Sugita reference is directed to a mouse with a stored section for a cord and the like.

Prior to discussion of the prior art relied upon by the Examiner in the Official Action, it is believed that it would be beneficial to briefly review the subject Application in view of the inventive concept of the Applicant. The subject Patent Application is directed to a computer peripheral having an independently operable and detachable reeling device that is adapted to be electrically coupled to a computer and selectively coupled to anyone of a plurality of peripheral devices. The reeling device can be separated from a computer peripheral for independent use, or it can be connected to the input device (such as a mouse) of a computer peripheral for combined use. The detachable reeling device functions to couple anyone of a variety of peripheral devices, such as a modem, telephone, fax machine, or a printer electrically to a computer.

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The Sugita reference discloses a mouse with a cord storage compartment. Sugita specifically discloses, "... mouse provided therein with a cord storage compartment into which the cord can be retracted and stored, the mouse adapted to be electrically connected to an input board of a computer system ..." The mouse according to Sugita's disclosure allows the cord inclusive of the terminal section as well as the connection on the distal end of the cord to be stored in the storage compartment provided within the main body of the mouse. The cord storage compartment storing the cord together with a terminal section and the connector can be opened and closed by one-touch operation.

It is respectfully submitted that the Sugita reference discloses a mouse with a retractable cord storage system as a whole without the ability to couple a reeling device to a plurality of peripheral devices. Sugita does not teach the novel concept as provided by the subject Patent Application for having a detachable reeling device that can be electrically coupled to a computer and selectively coupled to anyone of a plurality of peripheral devices. Applicant teaches a detachable reeling device that can not only be coupled to a mouse, but also can be used independently with, for example, a computer modem, a telephone, a fax machine or a printer, thus expanding the use of the reeling device. Overall, the independently operable, detachable reeling device electrically couples to a computer a variety of input/peripheral devices, such as a printer or a mouse, and is not limited to just one type of input/peripheral device.

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Therefore, as Sugita fails to disclose or suggest, "... a detachable reeling device adapted to be electrically coupled to a computer and selectively coupled to anyone of a plurality of peripheral devices ... said reeling device being independently operable with regard to said input device ..." as shown in currently amended Claim 1, it cannot anticipate the invention as now claimed. Further, the reference fails to suggest the combination of elements now claimed, it cannot make obvious that claimed invention.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-2, 7-9, 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yong (U.S. Patent 6,088,021). Yong discloses a peripheral input device having a reel assembly internally disposed in a peripheral input device, such as a mouse, or a pointing stick type peripheral input device, to allow the cord to be extended and retracted between a first length and a second length.

It is respectfully submitted that the reel assembly of Yong is fixedly installed in the peripheral input device and cannot be used independently. The reel assembly is thus limited so as to have no other uses. Whereas, Applicant teaches an independently operable and detachable reeling device that is adapted to be electrically coupled to a computer and selectively coupled to anyone of a plurality of peripheral devices. Applicant's device is not limited to coupling a mouse to a computer, but also couples various peripheral devices, such as a printer, fax, modem, electrically to a computer. This is accomplished because the reeling

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device can be detached from an input device and coupled to a separate peripheral device (for example, a printer) thereby electrically coupling the peripheral device to a computer.

Therefore, as Yong fails to disclose or suggest, "...a detachable reeling device adapted to be electrically coupled to a computer and selectively coupled to anyone of a plurality of peripheral devices ... said reeling device being independently operable with regard to said input device ..." as recited in currently amended Claim 1, it cannot anticipate the invention as now claimed. Further, as the reference fails to suggest the combination of elements now claimed, it cannot make obvious that claimed invention.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yong (U.S. Patent 6,088,021) in view of Davis, et al. (U.S. Patent 6,589,076). The Examiner states that Yong teaches all of the limitations of Claims 3-5 except for a computer peripheral comprising a third connector plugged into a second connector. The Examiner further states that the general concept of providing a plurality of connectors to the end of a cable falls within the realm of common knowledge as obvious duplication of parts which carry no patentable weight.

Davis, et al. relates to a computer cable connector providing quick assembly and removal. The object of Davis, et al. is to provide an electrical connector, particularly a shielded connector having a latching mechanism integral

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therewith. Even if Davis, et al. and Yong are combined, they do not provide, "...a detachable reeling device adapted to be electrically coupled to a computer and selectively coupled to anyone of a plurality of peripheral devices ... said reeling device being independently operable with regard to said input device ..." as recited in now amended Claim 1. While it is believed that dependent Claims 3-5 add further patentably distinct limitations, those Claims are at least patentably distinct for the same reasons as independent Claim 1.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that the computer peripheral with a cable reeling device, as now claimed, is neither anticipated nor obvious. Since the reeling device is detachable, and independently operable from the input device (for example a mouse) the reeling device can be used independently with a variety of peripheral devices, such as, a printer or a fax to connect such a device electrically to a computer.

It is not believed by the undersigned Attorney that either Sugita or Yong references disclose or suggest a combination of elements which form the inventive concept of the subject Application for the purposes and objectives of the Applicant. It is not believed that any of the references anticipate the subject Patent Application system as now defined by amended Claim 1.

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It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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